

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 3, insert the following new paragraph.

- -This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/006,478, filed January 13, 1998, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 6,649,661} which is a continuation application of Application No. 08/461,975, filed June 5, 1995, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Application No. 08/231,659, filed April 25, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,635,291.- -

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4 as follows.

The present invention relates to a recording medium suitable for use in recording using water-based inks, ink jet recording method and a dispersion. In ~~Particular~~ particular, this invention relates to a recording medium which can provide images high in optical density, bright in color tone and high in resolution, and has excellent ink absorbing capacity, an ink-jet recording method using such a recording medium, and a dispersion of an alumina hydrate, which is suitable for use in production of the recording medium.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 16, as follows.

In recent years, an ink-jet recording system, in which minute droplets of an ink are flown by any of various working principles to apply them to a recording medium such as paper, thereby conducting recording of images, characters and/or the like, has been quickly spread as a recording apparatus for various images in various applications including information instruments because it has features that recording can be conducted at high speed and with a low noise, color